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Fair and Continued
Cold Tonight

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DROPS ELEVEN STORIES FROM ROOF, AS HUGE THROUGH GAZES

Inventor Mack Steps Into Space
and Lands Smiling on the
Pavement Without Jar or
Hitch.

Several Spectators Hasten to
"Joy Ride" From Munsey
Building Roof—Fire De-
partment Heads Pleased.

A man stepped off the roof of the
Munsey building this afternoon and
thirty seconds later stood smiling on
the pavement eleven stories below.
Walter E. Mack made the descent
on a thin rope-covered steel wire
cable and he made it with such ease
and safety that volunteers besieged
him to let them try out his inven-
tion.

District officials and Fire Depart-
ment heads were among the throng
of several thousand which witnessed
the feat, and they were unanimous
in declaring it safe and panproof.

Mack was given a lot of exercise
by a battery of camera men and he
put the six-inch sheave wheel
through its paces for fifteen min-
utes before making his descent.

Without a Jar.
There was nothing to get ready. He
simply tied the regulator to the hand-
rail around the roof, put the life belt
under his arms, and stepped off. The
descent was made at the rate of five
feet a second, and just as he reached
a point about fifteen feet from the
ground a momentary halt was caused
by the rope twisting on the ledge near
the flange.

While the hundreds below held their
breath, Mack merely smiled, gave a pull
on the cable, and alighted without as
much of a jar as a man stepping off
a curbstone.
Then a youngster named John Floyd
put on the belt and stepped off. He
came down gently and without a hitch.
J. E. Phillips, a painter, who was
working on the roof, received orders
about that time and he reached the
ground in a few minutes. He was
disappointed that the elevator in the
building, and asked to be allowed to try
the automatic escape. He was accom-
modated, and then recruits came so
fast and Mack proved so accommodat-
ing that the crowd began to watch
the descent of the rope.

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FEDS TO LAUNCH SUBSIDIARY LEAGUE

Thirteen Cities to Ask for Fran-
chises at Conference of Of-
ficials Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A subsidiary
league, to take care of the players
turned back from the Federal League,
will be launched tomorrow at New
Haven, Conn., at a conference be-
tween President James A. Gilmore
and Robert M. Ward, president of the
Brooklyn Federals, and thirteen rep-
resentatives of as many New Eng-
land cities. This was officially an-
nounced here today following a con-
ference between Gilmore and Ward.
Thirteen cities desire franchises.
Eight will be selected to make up the
circuit.

The following towns are to be rep-
resented: New Haven, Portland, Man-
chester, Springfield, Paterson, Wor-
cester, Hartford, Providence, New
London, Middletown, Waterbury, and
Fall River.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.
SENATE.
Met at 11 a. m.
Discussion of ship purchase bill con-
tinued. Senator Norris urged amend-
ment.

HOUSE.
Met at 11 a. m.
Began debate on naval appropriation
bill, with amendments for night session.
Congressman Anderson introduced reso-
lution directing the Attorney General
to investigate the cost of meat and low
prices paid farmers for cattle.

Florida—Superior Service via At-
lantic Coast Line. N. Y. & Florida
Special leaves 8:20 p. m. 3 other trains
daily. Office, 1405 New York Ave. N. W.

'Jitney Bus' Service Moves Eastward, Threatening to Doom Street Car Traffic

Transportation Novelty Invades Baltimore After
Sweeping the West—"Take You Anywhere
For a Nickle" Is Slogan of Back-
ers of the Project.

"Take you anywhere for a 'jitney,' and stop at any
corner that you like."

When you understand that a "jitney" means a nickle, and that
the sign as above appeared on the front of a smart automobile coming
down one of the streets of Oakland, Cal., you can imagine there was
something of a sensation. It was the beginning of the "jitney bus"
service, a transportation novelty that has swept the West, and is be-
ginning to get a grip on the Eastern imagination.

The "jitney bus" service means a ride in a rapidly moving auto-
mobile from your home to your place of business. It is quicker trans-
portation than can be given by street cars, and the enthusiastic West-
erners declare that the spread of this service sounds the death-knell
of street car transportation.

Street car men realize, apparently, that the "jitney bus" is their
most serious competitor, and everywhere they are fighting the exten-
sion of the popular auto service. In some cities already the street car
companies are reporting serious losses in revenue due to the spread of
the "jitney bus" service.

"ANYWHERE FOR A NICKLE."
In the beginning the "jitney bus" was
an irregular method of transportation,
but as the idea developed owners of
automobiles got together and estab-
lished regular routes, until in some of
the Western cities you can go almost
anywhere by automobile for a nickle.
In the beginning also, the automobiles
in use were the ordinary five and seven
passenger cars. Gradually there has
been developed a ten-passenger car and
in some few cases cars of larger ca-
pacity are being used. It seems to be
the idea of those back of the "jitney
bus" service, however, that the ten-
passenger car is the best, for it can
travel much more rapidly than the
heavier car, and the secret of success
of the service is quick action and the
greatest possible number of round trips
every day.
In San Francisco, Los Angeles, San

MAY CONTINUE WAR TAX ANOTHER YEAR

Administration Considers Plan
to Wipe Out Deficit Which
Treasury Is Facing.

Continuation of the Federal war taxes
until 1917 may be the device used by the
Administration to meet the deficit in
revenue now confronting the Treasury.
If Congress is willing to grant the neces-
sary authority, Secretary of the Treas-
ury McAdoo, who discussed the situa-
tion again today with President Wilson,
is understood to have been urging this
as a means of preventing serious finan-
cial embarrassment in 1916.
The Secretary was with the President
for about an hour. Following their con-
ference, the matter is understood to
have been discussed by the Cabinet.
Whether Congress will consent to a
continuation of the war tax is ex-
tremely doubtful. It was reported that
when Secretary McAdoo proposed this
in the conference which he and the
President had yesterday, the latter was
under the impression that the House
and Senate would not pass such a bill.
The law creating the war tax specif-
ically provides that it shall not be levied
for a longer period than one year.
While Secretary McAdoo is, apparently,
confident that the deficit of \$75,000,000
now facing the Government, will be
wiped out by the tax receipts in June,
the situation with regard to the follow-
ing fiscal year is said not to be so en-
couraging.

Costly Paintings Lost in Flames

Maryland Connoisseur and His
Wife Narrowly Escape Death

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 29.—During
an early morning fire which totally de-
stroyed the large and expensive fur-
nished residence of Walter H. Hart at
Seaport, a suburb of Annapolis, Mr.
Hart and his wife, the only occupants,
narrowly escaped with their lives, being
compelled to flee hastily by means of
a window.
The fire started in the rear portion
of the building at about 3:30 o'clock,
and escaped by the stairway was cut
off before the flames were taken of sheets
by those in the house. Mr. Hart, dressed
only in his night robe, descended by
the stairs, and his wife, who was in the
bath, followed him. They were both
scorched and suffered from smoke in-
jury. Mr. Hart is a real estate dealer
and capitalist, is a collector of works of
art, and has many valuable paintings,
as well as costly and rare pieces of fur-
niture, tapestries and jewelry were lost.
Mr. and Mrs. Hart had to take shelter
with neighbors. Mr. Hart said that the
total loss would reach \$100,000.

Mardi Gras, New Orleans, Mobile,
Tennessee, Feb. 11-16. Very low round
trip fares via Southern Railway. Four
days are in the Sunman land.
Through trains. Consult Agents,
705 15th and 905 F Sts. N. W.—Adv.

Babylonian Tablet of
2500 B. C. Given to Yale

SAYS GAMBLER IN GRAIN HAS THE COUNTRY AT HIS MERCY

Congressman Manahan Pre-
pares Resolution to Stop
Manipulation and Prevent
Artificial Inflation of Prices.

Spurred to Action by Soaring
Wheat and Threatened In-
crease in cost of Bread to
6 Cents a Loaf.

Spurred into action by soaring wheat
prices and threatened increase of bread
to 6 cents a loaf, Congressman Manahan
of Minnesota said today he was pre-
paring a resolution to stop gambling on
grain exchanges.
"Congress can prevent increase in
bread prices and artificial inflation of
grain prices," said Mr. Manahan, "by
investigating the gamblers, preliminary
to legislation to stop forever specula-
tion in the country's food supplies. An
embargo on grain exportation is not
feasible.
"No doubt some price increase is
made legitimate by increased demands
of the war and at home, but gamblers
in grain have the country at their
mercy. A Federal grain exchange is
understood today. The chairman of
the House Committee on Agriculture
said that the "jitney bus" mark the
beginning of the "jitney bus" service.
The principal opposition to the "buses"
comes from the officials of the traction
lines, who say they cannot stand the
being subjected. On the other hand,
the "jitney" men argue that the public
wants the bus service, and openly de-
clare that the "jitney" mark the be-
ginning of the "jitney bus" service.
A similar resolution pending before the
House Rules Committee declared a grain
embargo is unconstitutional. Congress-
man Neely of Kansas said he believed
an increase of bread prices is inevitable.

SLAYER OF WIFE IS DEAD OF POISON

Snyder Confessed That Jealousy
and Dissipation Were Cause
of Crime.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29.—Ward S.
Snyder died today from the effects of
poison after he killed his wife in the
Baptist Sanitarium yesterday.
Unhappily married, "cursed" with
money, Snyder, in his dying statement,
declared he was temporarily insane
yesterday when he slashed his beautiful
wife to death as she lay convalescing
in the Baptist Sanitarium, and married
her in Oklahoma, and married her
in New Orleans a year ago. She could
not forget her three children who live
in Chicago, however. Snyder de-
clared. She constantly begged to re-
turn to them. Finally he consented to
her going to Chicago for several months,
and when she came to Houston to un-
dergo an operation, she brought along
her youngest son. On the meantime
intense jealousy, fortified by prolonged
dissipation, confessed Snyder, crazed
him.

Girl Fatally Burned as
Kerosene Lamp Explodes

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 29.—Miss Ella
Lotus, twenty-two years old, of 85
Garden street, was burned almost to a
crisp this morning when an oil lamp
which she was carrying, slipped from
her grasp and fell onto a hot stove,
bursting into flames and setting fire to
her clothing.
At St. Mary's Hospital the physicians
say she probably will not survive the
day. Her father and brother were also
in the hospital in their effort to ex-
tinguish the flames.

Factory Fire Kills One, Injures Four

Man, Cut Off by Flames, Leaps
to Death From Third-story
Window.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 29.—Fire in the
J. B. Gorman chemical and spice fac-
tory, at St. Francis and Commerce
streets, today cost the life of one man
and caused the serious injury of four
others.
Charles K. Brown, his escape cut off
by flames, jumped from a third-story
window and was killed.
The factory was formerly occupied by
William F. Gorman and Company. Soon
after the employees came to work
there was a loud explosion on the third
floor. Large quantities of celluloid
stored on that floor immediately caught
fire and the flames swept over the
building.
All the injured were carried out of the
building by fellow-employees. Every fire
department in the city was called out.
The flames were confined to the one
building, but it is a total loss.

Head of Commerce Bodies
Arranges for Convention

Active preparations for the annual
convention of the Chambers of Com-
merce of the United States, which will
convene Wednesday at the Willard
Hotel, were begun today on the arrival
from Boston of John H. Fahey, presi-
dent of the chamber. Mr. Fahey will
remain here until the convention is con-
cluded, and will personally direct the
completion of arrangements. Monday
morning he will preside over a meeting
of the board of directors.

Mexican Muddle Threshed Out in Cabinet; U. S. to Stick to Policy; Villa Reported Gravely Wounded

WILSON'S ADVISERS
AGAINST CHANGE
IN ATTITUDE

Bryan Says Carranza Victory
Does Not Warrant Any Vari-
ation in Our Relations.

MANY REPORT VILLA HURT

State Department Gets Advice
From Silliman and Others
About His Injuries.

Unconfirmed reports that
Gen. Francisco Villa had been
seriously wounded reached
Washington today.

The information came in a
dispatch to the State Depart-
ment from Consul John R. Silli-
man, who stated that the report
was current in Mexico City, but
that he had been unable to
verify it or get any details.

Latest developments in the Mexican
situation were threshed out today at
a long meeting of the Cabinet. Fol-
lowing the meeting, which was held
in the Executive Mansion, Secretary
of State Bryan announced positively
that despite the occupation of Mexico
City by Carranza and the sudden
change in fortune between the op-
posing factions, no change of policy
on the part of the United States was
in prospect.

John Lind, for many months per-
sonal envoy of President Wilson in
Mexico during the Huerta regime,
came on the President's train to-
day with Secretary Bryan just as the
Cabinet was convening.

Mr. Bryan insisted, however, that
Mr. Lind had called merely to pay his
respects to the President and that
there was no intention on the part of
the Government of sending Mr. Lind
back to Mexico.

Mr. Lind himself declined to talk.
Contrary to the usual custom, the
meeting was held in the library of the
White House, instead of the Cabinet
room. Moreover, despite the fact that
it was announced last week that here-
after all Friday meetings of the Cab-
inet would be held in the evening, the
meeting today was held in the morn-
ing. This, it is thought, was partly due
to the fact that Secretary of State
Bryan was in the city.

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Airship Liquor Express Illegal

Author of Webb Law Says "Dry"
States Can't Be Served by
Birdmen.

Quenching thirst of citizens in "dry"
territory by aeroplane liquor deliveries
from "wet" districts is an evasion of the
Webb law, Congressman Webb of North
Carolina, his author, declared today.
When his attention was called to the
aeroplane scheme, proposed to deliver
liquor from "wet" Ohio to "dry" West
Virginia, he said:
"It is a novel scheme, but no such de-
vice can circumvent the Webb act."

Fears Poison in His Beer; Arrested at White House

Insisting that he wanted to see the
President in reference to a job, Frank
Bayer, a Bohemian, fifty-nine years old,
who says that his home is in Idaho,
J. I., was arrested at the White House
yesterday afternoon. Bayer was
taken into custody by Policeman Hauze.
The prisoner told Hauze that certain
persons in his home town had been
persecuting him, and that they tried to
put poison in his beer.

District Relieved of War Tax on Pauper's Ticket

The action of Alonzo Tweedale, Au-
ditor of the District, in refusing to
pay a stamp tax of \$1 upon a steam-
ship ticket bought by the city of
Washington for returning a pauper to
his home, has been sustained by the Col-
lector of Internal Revenue, who has
advised that under such circum-
stances the municipality is not liable
to the war tax, the law itself provid-
ing for the exemption.

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GEN. FRANCISCO VILLA.

11-HOUR ATTACK ON NAVY BILL IN HOUSE

Debate Will Continue Till 11
o'Clock Tonight, Without
Stop for Lunch.

The House began today an eleven-
hour verbal bombardment in defense of
an attack upon the naval appropriation
bill.

At the preliminary skirmish between
the big navy and small navy members
a unanimous consent agreement was
reached that the House shall remain in
continuous session until 11 o'clock to-
night, at which hour general debate
shall be considered as closed. The read-
ing of the bill for amendment and dis-
cussion under the five-minute rule will
begin tomorrow.

Chairman Baggett of the Naval Af-
fairs Committee made a brief opening
statement in explanation of the budget,
and there was an initial colloquy be-
tween Mr. Baggett and Mr. Gardner,
the latter holding in reserve a set speech he
will make later this afternoon attack-
ing the Navy Affairs Committee be-
cause it did not follow the recommenda-
tions of the general board regarding the
naval increase.

Congressman Britten, a Republican
member of the committee, today at-
tacked the "plucking" board, the abolish-
ment of which is provided for in
the naval bill.
"The proceedings of this board are
secret," said Mr. Britten, "and the
members take straw votes and arbit-
rarily retire men who are entitled to
remain in the service. An officer of the
board told our committee that officers
are not 'plucked' according to the re-
cord, but according to the general im-
pression prevailing throughout the
navy regarding the board, and that
words, if an officer is a good fellow and
is popular in the navy he will not be
divided and part of it kept in Pacific
waters. He argued that there are
twenty-nine battleships on the Atlantic
and one on the Pacific Coast, and that
there is some discrimination against
the Pacific in the assignment of sub-
marine cruisers, and torpedo boat
destroyers.

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Nurse Testifies Belief Hutchins' Mind Unsound

Miss Florence Murphy, a nurse, testi-
fied before Justice Anderson in Criminal
Court No. 2 today that in her opinion
Silston Hutchins was of unsound mind
during the winter of 1909-10, her belief
being based upon her observation dur-
ing that time.
According to the witness, Mr. Hutch-
ins did not know where he was some
of the time, and several times struck
her. She said that she restrained the
aged millionaire by telling him that she
would tell her big brother if he hurt her,
and that the rule resulted effectively.

GERMAN AERO FLEET SHELLS ENGLISH BASE ON SEA COAST

Kaiser's Fliers Pass Over Allies'
Lines Near Nieuport Without
Detection and Bombard
British Provision Depots.

Berlin Reports Repulse of Allied
Attacks Near Coast and La
Bassee—Russians Driven
Out of Advanced Positions.

BERLIN (via wireless to Lon-
don), Jan. 29.—For the second
time within a week, a whole fleet
of German aeroplanes has succee-
ded in passing the allies' lines near
Nieuport and has shelled the coast
town of Dunkirk, where the British
headquarters of General French are
supposed to be located.

The war office made this official
announcement this afternoon.
Guided by two aviators who partici-
pated in last Friday's raid, the
German aerial squadron passed over
the trenches of the allies near
Nieuport without detection and
"abundantly shelled" British pro-
vision depots at Dunkirk.

The extent of the damage was
not reported.

French and English Repulsed.
Repulse of French attacks in the
sand dunes northwest of Nieuport and
also of English attempts to regain lost
ground west of La Bassee was claimed.
In one place near Nieuport the French
fought their way into a German trench,
but were driven out by a heroic bayonet
charge, the remainder of the western
battle front there were no im-
portant changes.

The Russians have sustained heavy
losses in front of the German line
in Poland. West of Warsaw, in the region
of Bolimow and Lowicz, the Germans
drove the Russian army into advanced
positions, and then held the captured
trenches against a severe counter at-
tack.

Germans Fall Back in East, Austrians in Danger

PETROGRAD, Jan. 29.—Two Rus-
sian armies are now marching toward
the capital of East Prussia according
to official dispatches received here to-
day.
Moving down from the north, a force
is descending upon Tilsit, sixty miles
northwest of the German frontier.
The Russian army is advancing along
the supply station at Posen, three
miles north of Tilsit.

A second great army, whose advance
upon Koenigsberg was officially re-
ported two days ago, continues to
press westward along a line extending
in a southwesterly direction from Lau-
denheim to Mollwischen, a few miles
north of Interburg.

The Russian army is marching to an
attack on the left flank of the German
army along the interior river, between
Koenigsberg and Mollwischen. It con-
tinues to make progress southward
through Aist, the Germans will be
squeezed between two Russian armies
and forced to give ground in the
direction of Koenigsberg.

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erine Horan, of Muskogee, Okla.; and
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Four Women Lawyers Are Admitted to Practice

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey present-
ed to the Supreme Court this after-
noon four young women graduates of
the Washington College of Law and
who were admitted to practice by the
court.

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ard, of Washington, D. C.; Florence
Etheridge, of Andover, Mass.; Kath-
erine Horan, of Muskogee, Okla.; and
Helen F. Hill, of Laurel, Md.

French Claim Slight
Gains Along Sea Coast

PAKIS, Jan. 29.—Slight gains for the
allied forces along the sea coast near
Nieuport, where infantry fighting has
been in progress for the past twenty-